

Howland Wood - Curatorial

Hill, H.L.

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[San Francisco, CA]

August 31, 1927

Mr. H. L. Hill,
890 Guerrero St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I am preparing a new edition of the coinage of the recent Mexican Revolution. I have got almost as much new material as I had in my first monograph. Dr. Landa in Mexico City has given me a vast amount of information and he mentioned that you had one or two pieces not otherwise obtainable. Mr. Zerbe was also in the other day and I checked up his list as well. He had notes of several pieces in your collection. You may remember that in my first edition I illustrated but one or two of your coins loaned through Mr. Zerbe. I am anxious to photograph all the pieces that I can. Would it be possible for you to send on certain pieces so I can make photographs of them? If not, could you have these photographs made?

The following are the pieces that I now want:-
5 centavo piece with E. De Durango 1914 and three stars on the face. On the other side a large 5 and below it C D S with border of large and small dots. The piece is in lead and, I think he picked it up in 1926.

You also have a large, crude 50 centavo piece in silver that seems to be a companion piece to the enclosed rubbing.

There is also a two centavo piece, 1915, about 7/8 of an inch in diameter, which Mr. Zerbe says you have. The only other piece I know of is in the collection of Dr. Jose Argüelles in Mexico. I dislike writing him for just this one piece. Also you have a silver piece counter stamped 40 within a large C. Mr. Zerbe has the 20. Dr. Landa also gave me a photograph of an ordinary Mexican 50 centavo piece, stamped in incuse letters in a semi-circle Francisco Villa. Have you ever seen any such piece? I do not want to list it if it is simply a freak, but if others were done, it certainly should be included.

Mr. H. L. Hill

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Also, do you know where those Durango brass 5 centavo pieces and the aluminum one centavo pieces were made? I imagine they were made in this country but did not get to Mexico in time. If you think that you have other pieces that Mr. Little, Mr. Zerbe and Dr. Landa do not know of, I would like to see them, or, if you think best, you could send me rubbings of any pieces you think I have not got that I have not asked for.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB
Encl.

October 7, 1927

Mr. H. L. Hill,
890 Guerrero St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Hill:

I wish to thank you most profoundly for your courtesy and confidence in sending as many of your treasures on to me to study and photograph. This is indeed most kind of you and I appreciate it very much. They arrived this morning and I have been most all day studying them. Although, I had a number of them, there were many I was glad to be able to see and compare. Several were better specimens than I had been able to obtain. I will photograph these probably this week and with your permission I would like to keep them for about two weeks.

By any chance, do you know of anyone who might have other pieces? I have been through Dr. Landa's, Zerbe's, Little's, Brown's of Chicago, Guttag's, Liveright's and some of Hoffecker's coins. Are you able to answer any of the questions I put in my previous letter?

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

890 Guerrero St

San Francisco Nov. 4th 1927

Mr. Howland Wood

The Am. Numismatic Society
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:

Your letter of Oct. 7th acknowledging receipt of the Rev. coins I sent you rec'd. Am glad you was pleased with them and thought you would be. A day or two after sending the coins I sent you a long letter ans. your questions and giving such information as I was able but so far have rec'd no ans. to my letter and am wondering why. When you return the coins please send by Express as I think that way safer and put a val. of at least \$200⁰⁰ on them. I expect to leave on a trip to Havana in a short time - about Dec. 1st. Please let me hear from you at once as I am anxious to learn if you rec'd my letter.

Very Truly Yours

H. R. Hill

9th November, 1927

Mr. H. L. Hill;
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I have just shipped to you by prepaid express, value \$200, your Mexican revolutionary coins.

Probably you received, just after mailing your letter, a second letter from me explaining my delay in returning these pieces. This letter I mailed to you on November 1st. It is funny that our letters seem to cross one another. As the package was sent today, you should get your coins back about the time you receive this letter. Again I want to thank you for sending these on. They have been of the greatest value to me.

Mr. Zerbe has been here the past two or three weeks, and I have picked out one or two of his specimens to photograph. I have just written Dr. Argülles but it is too early to hear from him.

I told Mr. Liveright I had given you his name and he said he would be pleased to hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

San Francisco Nov. 21st 1927

Dear Mr. Wood:

Your letters of Nov. 1st and 9th both
rec'd, also the lot of coins you returned arrived,
O.K. Would have written sooner but like yourself
I have been swamped with work. Ans. your questions
in letter of Nov. 1st. Have no #46 in ail., never saw
one and could not say if there ^{are} any of them in any
collections anywhere. I very much doubt if Eklund
has a 2^c Puebla either like mine or slightly
different. I sent Mr. Rittle a rubbing of mine
and think the one Eklund describes is from this
rubbing and that he has got the lettering some
what mixed up. Can't give you the meaning of the
inscription on it you ask for. (TEL. LA DEL ORO
Y OCAMPO) but have written to a friend of mine in
Mexico City and as he is pretty wise can no doubt
give me the correct date and at the same time
write him about the 40¢ & 20¢ cts. on the ref.
Mex 1^c & 2^c copper pieces and hope he can give me
the information about these that you want. While

I have 2 specimens of #35 which are I judge quite a good deal better than yours have never seen a fine specimen and doubt if one is to be had. On one of mine some few letters or designs are on the blank but show on the other one, so between the two I get every thing. I certainly don't have E. Klundt's #160 nor ever remember seeing one and #131 & 132 are also new to me. While I have his #113 & 114 or similar ones but with date (1915) never saw them with out date and whoever owns them has a couple of very rare little birds. Did you ever see either of them? Then how about his #179-180 & 181 - do you have them? - They are new to me. It seems impossible to get a nice specimen of the ~~\$~~ 1915 Mor. piece like I sent you and have never seen a 1914 one with plain date. I think the party in Florida to whom you refer and who collects this series is a friend of Mr. Little and while I can't give you his address his name is Johnson. I think the most of what he has in the Rev. coins came originally from me and doubt very much whether he can furnish you any coins &

do not have. Unless he has picked them up recently
don't think Dr. Argueller has any other coins you
will need besides the ones you already know of
and while I know some other coin collectors in Mexico
City and other cities of Mexico besides Dr. Canales and
Dr. A. don't think any of them have any thing but
what you now have or expect to get from Dr. A. Did
you ever hear of any other Rev. gold coins besides
the ones from Oaxaca? I heard rumors of them but
was never able to locate any of them. Dr. A. I think
was one of the parties who said he had heard of some
of them and it would perhaps be a good idea for
you to write to him about it. As soon as I picked up
one of the Madero 10^c Puebla coins I saw your mistake
in regard to the 20^c price but knew you would soon
learn about it. Can make a slight correction on
35 by having 2 coins to go by. Thanks very much for
the names of the collectors you gave me but I already
have most of them.

Very Truly Yours

H. R. Hill

28th November, 1927

Mr. H. L. Hill,
890 Guerrero Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hill:

Your letter is just at hand. I trust you will have a successful trip in Mexico.

In reply to some of your questions:

I have received a letter from Eklund, and he says Nos. 113 and 114 should have the date 1915. He took his from poor specimens that did not show the date. No. 178 was from a description furnished by Little, who had a poor rubbing. Like you, I was puzzled concerning Nos. 179, 180, and 181. Eklund could not help me out, saying he got the information from Little. I am now writing Little on these.

Although I have written Dr. Arguilles two letters, I have not yet heard from him. Years ago, when I was writing my first account of these pieces, I had two vague reports from Mexico that there were gold coins made; but I could get nothing tangible. There was a rumor that the Diaz forces (I think Felix Diaz) had struck some square gold pieces in the mountains, but I have never been able to run this rumor down. I have already a much better specimen of my No. 35, and although it may not shade up quite as well as your best specimen, I think it will do. I already have a note of No. 55 with a plain edge; and have noted No. 56 with a milled edge, but of this latter have seen only cast pieces.

I hope to get my book out within a few months; possibly before you return from Mexico. However, drop me a line now and then as to your whereabouts or concerning any new finds.

Very truly yours,

Curator

2d March 1928

Mr. H. L. Hill,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

A thousand apologies for not getting your Mexican Revolutionary coin back to you by June 1st. I had to make three negatives of this before I could get one that was satisfactory. As you may have left before receipt of this letter, I am holding the coin here and will await word from you about it - shall I keep it here or shall I send it to wherever you wish.

Very truly yours,

Curator

April 28, 1928.

Mr. H. L. Hill,
890 Guerrero St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I was on the point of writing you, when I received a letter from Zerba, stating that you were back. I have about finished my catalogue, but have partly held this up, hoping you might find some new varieties of Mexican Revolution pieces. Zerba says, you have located one at least. Could I get a description of it? I have been so pressed for time, that the work has taken much longer than I thought that it would.

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

Curator.

San Francisco

May 8th 1928

Mr. Howland Wood

Broadway at 156th St.

New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:

Your letter of Apr. 28th rec'd
and while I only have one coin for you
think it will be new to you as it is the
only one of this type I have ever seen.
It was sent to me a short time ago by a
friend of mine in Mexico City and while he
did not go into details simply listed it as bro
and Extremely rare. I thought it would
be much more satisfactory to you to see
the coin than to have a description and
sent it to you to day by Parcel Post Ins. copy
I have only this one coin and had I gone to
Mexico instead of Havana might have been
able to dig up several new ones. I was fortunate
enough to find a Villa Pero in copper, the only
one I have seen except the 2 specimens on
Randa Bay. Please return the coin by the end of
this month as I expect to leave on another trip
the first of June.

Very Truly Yours
H. A. Hill

May 19th, 1928.

Mr. H. L. Hill,
890 Guerrero Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Your coin came this morning, and it is certainly new to me. I will photograph it next week, and return it to you promptly. It was very good of you to send it on.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

San Francisco Nov. 13th 1928

Mr. Howland Wood

Broadway 156th St.

New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:

I sent you to day by Express
the following coins.

Villa Vall. in copper (gilded)

60 Pesos Lajaca Copper

50¢ Chihuahua 1914 Copper

H. Del Parraf Peso New Variety

Mex. Vall. 1890 with a P.S.

Smooth pil. coin C.S. on one side C.M.S.

and on rev. Mex. Eagle with letters S.C.M.

Large 1¢ C.S. AH

While you know of the 60 Pesos Lajaca piece in
copper and have photo of the 50¢ Chihuahua in
copper thought you might like to add them and
say you had handled them so am sending
them along with the other few coins. While the
60 Peso gold piece has milled edge this copper

one has a plain edge. The one in Dr. Andrus coll. &
mine are the only ones I ever heard of but of course
there may be a few more. The H. Bel Parrot Piece is
very much of a new variety as the edge is plain
instead of milled as in Wash. ² and the wreath runs
clear through the date. There are a lot of faint but
still very distinct ^{circles} ~~dots~~ on one side especially which
give it a very odd appearance. Can you give me
the date on the 1861 C. S. Coins? I think the one
with W. & Lyle and letters on each side is a very
rare little bird and I have never seen another one
like it. Picked it up here a few days ago and the C. S.
Mint. I dug up in a back shop in Atlanta. Hope
it also may be a good one but on a guess
would say the little smooth one is much
rarer - am I right? You are a little too
generous in giving me credit for the coins
illustrated in your book as Nos 7 & 8 belong to
Mr. Little. I sold both of the coins to him and
thought they were similar only one being worn
but Mr. Little wrote me about discovering it as

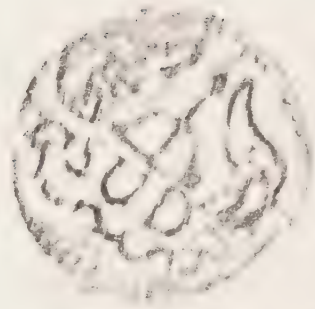
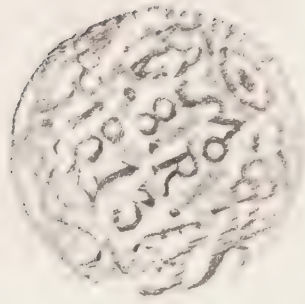
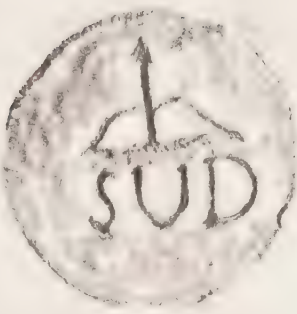
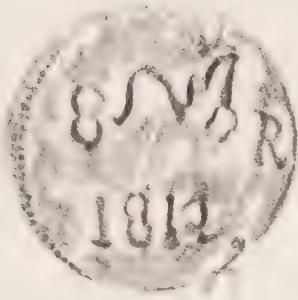
a new variety. At present I only have one but
should I get any more will look a little closer
for new varieties. I enlarged the manuscript
and the new book will be far ahead of the first
one. I think it will be a good seller and ^{hope} that it will
start a lot of new coll. of the Rev. coins. While there
may be a few more new varieties show up in the
next few years don't think there will ever be enough
to justify any one issuing a new book. Will
surely be on the lookout during my trip to
Mexico this winter for any thing new and get
photographs of several in Dr. Aguelles coll. While
I had expected to send the coins before this have been
swamped with work since I came home and have not
caught up yet. Please return coins by Express as I
think it safer and any time between now and last
of Dec. will be all right as I expect to start for M. about
Jan. 1st. Am sending rubbings of a few coins that may
int. you.

Sincerely yours

H. R. Hill

Copper

Recess



1812

Copper

Recess



Little stars all around
both sides between -
In splendid condition - Empire

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Small to large
The above of fine
The rubbing

Handwritten notes on the right side of the page.

Copper

Copper



Has stars like
above and only part
from 7 stars - as struck
and not from wear

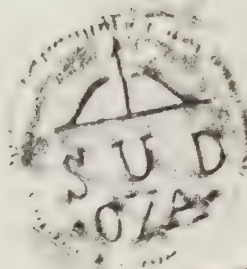
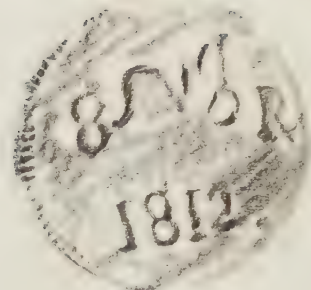
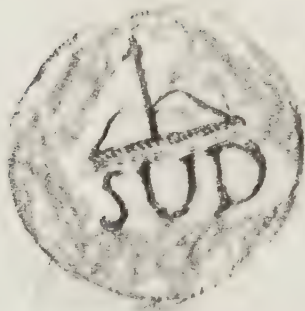
What C.S. is this



Handwritten notes on the right side of the page.

These show up a little better than other rubbing

offer



14th November, 1908

Mr. H. L. Hill,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hill:

Don't forget me about my new Mexican revolutionary
pieces you may have, especially the one you mentioned. I am
slowly writing you this reminder as I am holding up the proof
of my book until I hear from you. I was very glad to have
seen you again and trust we will meet every now and then.

Very truly yours,

20th November, 1928

Mr. H. L. Hill,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hill:

Your letter came yesterday and the express package today. I wish to thank you very much for sending these on, and I will return them shortly. I found there were no new dies; therefore, did not have to photograph them.

The Villa dollar is copper, being from the same die as the regular piece. I have made a note that this is known gilded. The 60-peso Oaxaca piece I was glad to see again so as to note that the edge was smooth. I once owned one of these but sold it. The Parral piece, after a careful study, is from the same die as the regular piece, but shows an earlier striking. It is also struck a little harder; therefore, certain things on it show up more than on the average piece. Its weight is interesting, as it is somewhat heavier than the ordinary pieces. I have made a note of this.

The Mexican dollar with a central counterstamp is not rare. This dollar has been to China where various exchange offices have put their 'schroff' or mark on it. I have some of these with so many marks that you can not recognize the design.

Your little silver coin with the Mexican eagle on it is a nice piece. I have never seen one before, nor can I help you out as to what the letters mean. Your cent counterstamped 'A H' I do not consider as having any significance. I think it is simply some private stamp.

I have transferred the acknowledgment of Nos. 7 and 8 as being in the Little Collection. I doubt if the book gets out before the end of the year. I will see that you get a copy just as soon as it is published. Many thanks for your suggestion about remembering me with any new varieties you may run across.

Those certainly are fine Morelos pieces of which you send me rubbings. The counterstamp 'G C P' is for Governo Civil do Porto, made during the revolution of 1847. It is not especially common.

Again thanking you, I remain

Very truly yours,

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de Día y de Noche.

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Mar. 13 1915

Mr. Howard Wood
Broadway & 156th St.
New York City

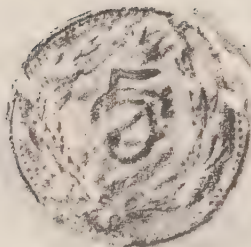
Dear Mr. Wood:-

I am down in old Mexico again and
right in the midst of a new Revolution but don't think
it will last long enough to cause any new comm.
It's as safe in Mexico City now as in any city in the U.S.
as there is no sign of any fighting here I expect to leave
early in April and think I can get through to the U.S.
easily at that time. Have picked up 2 am Rev. Comm. about
#42 in Dil. and a 5^c Gro. a rubbing of which I am sending
you. At least one of the Coll. here has the 5^c Gro. piece but
don't know of another Word #42 in Dil. Dr. Arguillas said
he has it and have not seen Dr. Landa yet but don't
know if he has it. Picked it up in Torreon and it is the only

worth while coin I was found there. Is your new book
out yet? Have not heard from S.F. since I left home and it
may be there is a copy there now waiting for me. Do you
want me to get photographs of any of the new varieties of
Rev. coins I may come across here or will a description
and rubbing suit you. Mr. Argueller has a Word #32
in paper - the only one I have seen, as yet. I saw a cast
piece of sil. about half doll. size in Chihuahua, rounded on
the bottom and flat on top with a large 50 stamp on
it. The owner said it was issued by Mining Co. at Batopilas
State of Chihuahua during the Rev. and that it was a Rev.
coin. While it may be a Rev. coin all right then again it
might not be, but as far have seen no other authority
who knew of it being issued for the Revolutionists.
Any how I certainly wanted it and offered 10 Pesos but could
not pay them so we passed it. The scarce Rev. coins are getting
hard to find and a fellow wonders where they all go to. A
letter from you would no doubt reach me before I start for
home and I think the trains are now running through to the
U.S. but were not a few days ago.

Sincerely yours

H. L. Hill



March 18, 1929

Mr. H. L. Hill
c/o Hotel Princess
Avenida Hidalgo, Num. 59
Mexico City

Dear Mr. Hill:

My edition of the Mexican Revolutionary
Coins went to you about a month ago; probably
it is holding now for you, in San Francisco.

However, I am mailing at the same time
with this letter an extra copy, which take with
my compliments.

I found in my new edition I have my
old 42 in base silver, Landa collection. The
five-cent Guerrero is new. My number 32 in
copper I have listed in the new book as in the
Landa collection.

I would be very glad to have nice
rubblings, and the whereabouts of anything new
which you may find.

Please excuse haste, but I am anxious
to get this letter off to-night.

Very truly yours,

HW:ENH

Curator

San Francisco

July 1st 1829

Dear Mr. Wood: -

While I have been home from Mexico for some time have been swamped with work and neglected writing you. Have moved to 862 Guerrero St. and while only a short distance it was some job to move and rearrange all my coins and antiquities. Recd your air Mail letter sent to Princess Hotel Mex. Mex. 18th but the book on Rev. coins you wrote me you was sending (to Mex.) never arrived although I did not start home for about a month after your letter came. Thank you very much for the copy you sent to D. F. and which was forwarded to me in Mexico. I showed it to a good many people there and on my way home and a number of them said they would order the book - hope they did. Am sending rubbings of a few coins I got on this trip and will

I am so busy would describe more and would hope
to do so later. It is fortunate enough to get some
more ones in this type than in any one of the other
five. While I did not secure many new varieties of
the Rev. coins - one a Wood #12 in cup is in
almost the same cond. and the only specimen I have
ever seen or heard of. It is certainly a prize. Also
got a Wood #1 and a tile excessively rare for Canada
has one and there may be another specimen or two in
other collections. Dr. Cooke did not have a 5¢ in copper
the one I found and sent you a rubbing of but our other
collector had some specimens - there 2 are and know
if it must be a rare one. The photos of the 2
coins I am sending belong to the collector whose
name and address is on the back. While one
is like Dr. Cooke's #24 did not have your book
at that time and had photos of both taken. The other
one may be unique as it is the only one I have
ever heard of. Wish it could have been in your book.

Three of the series by of course 2. R - 4. R. and
8. R. C. Hilpauy (Eggleston) pieces in soil
and struck pieces too. While the 8. R. is very rare
I know of quite a good many of them in good
bed and in different woods but have never seen
another 2. R. and only one or two 4. R. of this
series and then only in poor condition. Am planning
to go to Europe again (this summer) but will be
very late in getting started. Will be pleased to hear
from you again.

Sincerely

H. P. Hill

8th July, 1929

Mr. H. I. Hill,
862 Guerrero Street,
San Francisco, Call.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I was very glad to hear from you and thank you very much for the additions to my book and also for the rubbings of your recent acquisitions. You certainly have picked up some fine things.

I have just got back from a week away and during the balance of the summer plan to be here only on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Trust to see you for a minute on your way to Europe.

Very truly yours,

San Francisco
Dec. 13th 1929

Dear Mr. Word:-

Am sending rubbing
of a couple rare Rev. coins. Friend & mine
sent me from Mexico City recently among
a lot of other coins. You will recognize ^{the} 137
but this is a much better specimen
than Dr. Landis showing the Gen's name
(SOLIS) very plainly. The other one is a 10c
copper *Agatista* which I have never heard of
before. The party who sent it says none of the
collectors in Mexico City have one so it must
be rare but of course a new variety may
show up any time. I expect to start on another
trip to Mexico some time this month and hope
to find a few new varieties besides some of
the ~~rare~~ ones I already have. While I
intended to send these 2 coins only for you
to see and photograph thought I just

well to wait untill I return from my
trip and send them along with the others. I
may get. While I missed my trip to Europe
last summer (which disappointed me wonderfully)
on account of waiting to get money due me
from the estate of a Los Angeles coin dealer who
died last May owing me money, I did not
wait in vain as I not only got what
was due me but quite a lot of very fine and
rare items out of the deal. Have you heard
of any new varieties of the Rev. coins since
I last heard from you? With the seasons
Greetings.

Sincerely yours,
H. B. Lee

Dec. 24, 1929

Mr. H. I. Hill
862 Guerrero Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I am very much obliged to you for sending me the rubbings of the two new Mexican coins, and I trust that you will find several more new things during your stay in Mexico. I should be glad to see whatever you may bring back with you.

I have added very little since my last publication, and if I remember correctly, all my new information has come from you.

I am sorry I could not reply sooner, but we are in the throes of moving into a new wing of our building, and many things necessarily get delayed.

With my best wishes,

Yours very truly,

Curator.

San Francisco
May 23rd 1930

Mr. Howard Wood
The Am. Numismatic Society

New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I returned from my Mexican trip recently and while I was not fortunate enough to get a lot of rare coins like last year managed to dig up 2 new varieties of the Pes. coins rubbings of which I am sending you and also rubbing of another copper coin which I think is a rarity in Pes. size. The last Puebla coins are in the second kind genus. Also got a perfect specimen of #73. I think the larger 2^e Puebla are just the same except one has P. and the other P.D.E. Was lucky enough to get a nice specimen of #147 for my collection. I should be ever want these coins, and also the 1^e Galathea coin a rubbing of which I send you to examine and photograph if you know and will be pleased to send them over.

May 28, 1930

Mr. H. L. Hill
862 Guerrero Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I am very glad to hear from you once again and I congratulate you on getting the two new Puebla coins. Very few new varieties have been pointed out to me since my second edition, but I am making notes and keeping the material together. I do not think it is yet worthwhile to photograph these. I would rather do it all at one time when I get enough to make it an object. I want to thank you for remembering me. Personally I have found nothing new, and as far as stuff coming to New York, in this line, it is absolutely nil.

The rubbing of that Peso is certainly interesting. I never saw one.

If you should run across Mr. Arthur Wyman, please remember me to him, and say we are anxiously waiting to hear from him.

Again with thanks,

Very sincerely yours,

San Francisco

Dec. 14th 1930

Mr. Howard Wood

262 Guerrero St

Amer. Numismatic Society

New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:-

While I had not forgotten about the 10^c Aztec coin I promised you have been very busy and neglected it. However to day I sent it to you with a dozen or more Rev. coins I thought you might like as yours may not be in the cond. like these. A coll. of coins asked me to get him your 1928 book on Mex. Rev. Coins and I am guessing at the price by sending Check for \$3.00. If not enough let me know and I will send the bal. or if too much you can send stamps for the dif. I am curious to know how the Chinese coins want in Elders east sale - whether high or low. The Country seems to be flooded with them at the present time and some of the dealers have quit handling them. Would have a very price list of Elders sale but see he does not issue one. am expecting to see Mexico again in a few weeks.

Sincerely
H. B. Hill

Dec. 9, 1930

Mr. H. L. Hill
862 Guerrero Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hill

Your letter is at hand together with the coins. Thank you very much for sending these to us as an addition to our collection. Although, as you know, we have most of them, everyone is an improvement in condition over ours.

Yesterday I sent you a copy of the book on revolutionary coinage, and as the price is \$2.50, I am herewith enclosing fifty cents in stamps.

I do not know how the Chinese coinage went in Elder's sale as I did not attend, nor have I heard anything since then. Most of these Chinese coins are now coming over quite frequently, and where the first ones offered brought high prices, they are now not bringing anywhere near those prices to-day. Many of them are fakes though I am inclined to think made at governmental mints. When I say fakes, I mean combinations of dies that did not originally exist. Also, there are dollar-size pieces of which there was no such denomination when these issues were originally coined. Such as the piece for Tibet and Szechuan.

I trust you will pick up things of interest when you go to Mexico.

With much appreciation,

Very sincerely yours,

Curator.

San Francisco
Jan 1st 1931

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Your letter of Dec.
9th containing 50^{cts} in stamps rec'd.
Also the Book on Mex. Rev. coins.
A friend of mine in Mexico who digs
up a lot of rare coins for me wrote
me to get him the book and it may
get you a few orders when he shows
it to the other collectors there. The Pres.
of our Coin Club was out to see me a
few days ago and I showed him the
book. While he has only a small collection
of Mex. coins was very interested in
your book and said he would like
for a copy. Hope you have rec'd. no orders
already. I wish you good luck all
through the year which has just started.
Excuse the delay in writing but was busy
and overlooked it.

Sincerely yours

H. P. Hill

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Mch. 21st 1931

*Mr. Howland Wood
Broadway at 156th St
New York City*

Dear Mr. Wood:

*Am down in old Mexico again and have
been in this City almost 2 weeks. Have found quite a lot
of good coins and among them several new varieties of the
Rev. coins. I am not writing to tell you about these but
to advise you to send me at once 3 or 4 or half a doz of
your 1928 books on the Mex. Rev. coins as I can no
doubt ^{see} most or all of them for you. If you see Mr. Heye
tell him I have several fine big stone Idols for him, the
best I have come across in years and will write him in
a few days as I want to learn just when to look for him
in Calif this spring. Have not the time at present to write*

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rubblings and give details of these Rev. coins but will
be so later. Expect to be here 3 or 4 weeks longer. Rembur
me to Mr. Rivington and tell him I will ^{have} some coins of
int. for him - also regards to Mr. Forbe.

With best regards

Sincerely yours

H. B. Hill

Address me

To Princess Hotel

Ave. Hidalgo #59

Mexico D. F.

P.S. A lot of fellows here want your book and say they will
send and get it, but you know how it is - "Mangana", and they
never do it

March 25, 1931

Mr. H. L. Hill
c/o Princess Hotel
Avenida Hidalgo Num.59
Mexico, D.F.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I am very glad to hear from you. I understand that in the course of time the Mexican government through one of their museums, is planning to reprint my last monograph on Mexican revolutionary coins plus various additions that they know about. Also, one of the dealers there is thinking of doing something on that order. I have misplaced his letter and do not remember his name, but he mentioned that he had sold you many of your good coins.

I have not seen Mr. Heye for some time and I think he is away. I am sending to you a half-dozen of my last books on the subject, and am herewith enclosing a memorandum.

Trusting that you will have a successful time, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Curator.

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Mex. 29th 1931

Mr. Howland Wood

The Am. Numismatic Society
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood,

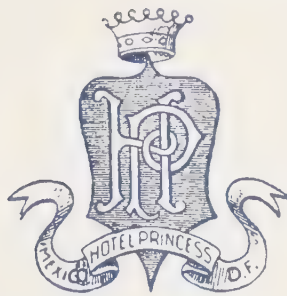
Your letter of Mar. 25th rec'd and while the
books have not arrived yet they should be here in 2 or 3 days.
Am sure I can sell all these and more and am sending
check for the lot - \$13¹¹. I had a talk with Mr. Gurga. the
party to whom you referred in your ^{letter}, and while he has given up
the idea of reprinting your monograph on the Mex. Rev. coins
plus new writers discovered since said the Mexican Govt.
is planning to do so in the near future. He (Mr. Gurga) will
give me some data in regard to some new Rev. coins I have
never heard of before and will give you this plus what I
have when I get home. No doubt I can sell more of your
books so send me at once 10 or even a doz. copies
and I feel sure I can dispose of the whole lot for

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You before I reach N. Y. Am expecting to start home about
the middle of Apr. but I may be a few days later. I was
not expecting a discount on these books and had no idea of
making a nickel when I wrote you but simply to accom-
modate some of my friends here and yours.

With best regards

Sincerely yours

H. R. Hall

P.S.

Mr. Garza says 200 Rev. Pesos were coined in Guadalupe
with Calet standing by the side of Cannon & on Rev. Edge, entered
street by Villa. I was in this city several days and never heard
of such a coin. Did you ever hear of it?

April 2, 1931.

Mr. H.L.Hill,
Hotel Princess,
Mexico, D.F.

Dear Mr.Hill,

I am glad to hear from you and to know that
you are picking up much new information. As per your
request, I am sending you ten copies of "Mexican Revolutionary
Coins".

I never heard of the coin you mention struck
at Guadalajara.

Yours very truly,

Curator.

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Apr. 9th 1931

Mr. Howard Wood

The American Numismatic Society

New York City

Dear Mr. Wood,

*Have rec'd both plgs of the Rev. books
also your letter of the 2nd. The first lot is disposed of and
am starting in the last one. While I may not be
able to sell all of them here will hope to do so before
reaching and will then send you a check. A letter
from Mr. Herbe informs me of the passing of Mr. Reilly.
I was much surprised and very sorry indeed to hear of it.
Will start home in about two weeks.*

Sincerely yours

H. P. Russell

San Francisco
June 3rd 1931

Mr. Howland Wood
The Am. Numismatic Society
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:

I returned from my Mexican trip recently and brought a lot of Mex. coins along with me. Am sending rubbings of a few of the good ones and wonder if you can tell me where the small C.S. on the 1910 Hard VII Peso belongs. I judge it is in Mexico and have a smaller coin with similar C.S. on it. The Suriana piece is a new one to me and the best find in the Rev. Coin I have dug up for some time. Did you ever hear of one before? Have sold (or traded) all the books you sent me but 3 and will send draft for the whole lot and dispose of them later. Am expecting to start for Europe soon and may see you in N.Y. the last of the month.

Sincerely Yours
H. P. Hill

P.S.

I intended writing sooner but have been waiting for my friend in Mexico City to send me some data on the Rev. Coins I promised you. He is a very busy man and failed to have it for me when I started home and wants to send it soon but it seems to be "Maverick" as usual.

June 10, 1931.

Mr. H. L. Hill
862 Guerrero St.
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Hill:

Many thanks for your interesting letter together with check. All of the pieces of which you have sent rubbings are most interesting and I am glad to know of them. I have never heard of the "Zapata" dollar from the Suriana Mine. This must be a wonderful rarity. Your two little coins of the first revolutionary period are fine. You certainly have gotten some treasures there. The counter stamp on the 1910 pieces I have seen before but I know nothing about it. I trust I will see you here on your way to Europe as I always enjoy having you stop to see us.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

June 23, 1931

Mr. H. L. Hill
862 Guerrero Street
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

If this reaches you in time and you are so disposed, would you mind sending to me or bringing with you those two or three Revolutionary coins that you enclosed in your list the other day. I would like to photograph them. There were two of the Zapata pesos, a brass 10 centavo and a copper 10 and 20 centavo from Guerrero.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

San Francisco
Nov. 27th 1931

Dear Mr. Word,

I sent you a few days ago the following coins by Express.

Las Pesos Gro 1915 Guicama

5^c Gro. (4) 1917 Not in Word

2-10^c C. M. Gro 1915 " " " dif. varieties

10^c Gro. 1915 a var. " " "

Word #137 with rolls showing

20^c Gro. 1915 Not in Word

Las Pesos Gro 1915 Error in Reforma & Justicia

" " " 1914 " " Libertad

50^c Sil. C. M. Gro 1915 a var. not in Word

" Stamped on piece cast sil. said to be Rev.

Word #142 but from dif. die

Hope this lot will int. you. A coll. in Mexico City told me he either had or had seen a larger denomination (I think 2⁵⁰) of the cast piece with 50 stamped on it.

The #142 I sent is quite dif. from one in illustration and I have seen one 10^c like #142 but was not able to get it. Please return by Express and put same val. in pkg. I gave (195⁰⁰) How did Mr. Schuler make out in N.Y.? not so good as usual no doubt on acct of the depression.

Sincerely yours

Chas. L. Rice

December 2, 1931.

Mr. H. L. Hill
862 Guerrero Street
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Hill:

Your letter and the package of coins came to hand and I am most thankful to you for sending these on. I will photograph them shortly and return them to you by express as you direct. I note your silver 50¢ piece. This is my No. 102 in silver. I have a note in my book that you have my No. 99 in silver. By any chance, is this piece you sent on what you once told me was No. 99, or have you still got this piece as well?

The Suriana is certainly a beauty. I cannot put my hand on the letter telling me about the other Suriana piece. It was, I know, from some dealer in Mexico city stating that he had had one and knew of another and was trying to get it. I should judge now that collectors have heard this they are carefully looking through all of the two peso pieces to see if they can find any.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

January 6, 1932.

Mr. H. L. Hill
862 Guerrero Street
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I am returning your coins to you,
as you request by express prepaid. I photographed
them and I wish to thank you for sending them on. I
also want to apologize for not returning them before
this. As a matter of fact, I thought I had, but only
today found I had put them away in one of the cabinets
for safe keeping. I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

862 Guerrero St. S. F.

Jan 22nd 1932

Dear Mr. Wood.

Your letter of Jan. 6th rec'd
and the coins arrived O.K. Was glad to get
them as I wanted to send rubbings of the
Suzanna and half of the others to a keen coll.
of the Rev. coins. They will be new to him and
at the same time add a few more to his want
list to be looking for. Am somewhat "at sea" as to
the Sil. 50^c 2ro. piece as I thought I had only sent
you a rubbing of it but may have sent it before
in another lot of coins. However it is a rarity and
the only specimen I have seen. I don't think No. 142
was struck from a die but punched on by hand
the 2 and 6 and 4 all punched ^{on} separately. Comparing
the two specimens in my coll. with one illustrated
in your book there is a very marked dif. in
all three. Here is rubbing of one similar to

#142 except it is 10¢ instead of 20¢
While in my possession for the present it
does not belong to me (I am sorry to say)
and is the only specimen I have seen.
Am wondering if you have ever heard of
one before.

Sincerely Yours

A. E. Hill

Broadway

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January 29, 1932.

Mr. H. L. Hill
862 Guerrero Street
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Hill:

Your letter at hand and I want
to thank you for sending on the rubbing of the
10¢ piece similar to my number 142. This is
new to me and I have made a note concerning it.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

San Francisco

Apr. 23rd 1934

Dear Mr. Wood,

You may send me
2 of your books on the Mex. Rev. Coinage.
I have a customer for one and like to have
an extra copy on hand when some
Mex. coll. needs one. Am sending Check
for 5⁰⁰ as I believe your price was 2.50
per copy. If not correct please let me
know. It has been quite a while since I
have made a trip into Old Mexico and in
the meantime I see Garga has dug up a
lot of new varieties which he describes in
his book. I secured one rarity since I saw
you - a 10c like No. 142 which I came
across in Los Angeles several years ago and
is I think the one Garga refers to in his
book as one of the only two known. I believe
you have picked up some rare ones recently
and I see where Mr. Boyd exhibited quite a
little bunch of rarities at one of your
meetings - similar to some I have seen

but was never able to get. As there much
demand in New York for the Liberty Head $2\frac{1}{2}$
pieces and about what are they selling for.
As such large numbers of them were turned
in they will be quite scarce and should
bring a good price in the near future
I would surely like to take another trip
to Europe this summer but a .58^{ct} dollar
over there don't appeal to me as it costs a
fellow enough when it is worth 100 cts.
How is Mr. Geo. Heye these days and give
him my best regards when you see him.
Am in Los Angeles at present but will
be home again in a few days. Saw Dr. Pradeau
to day and brought him a few old Mex. coins
which he wants to photograph for his new
book on Mex. Coins. Will be pleased to hear
from you again as it has been a long time
since I have either seen or had a letter
from you.
Sincerely yours
A. P. H.

May 1, 1934.

Mr. H. L. Hill
862 Guerrero St.
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Hill:

Your letter came the other day with the check for \$5.00. This price is correct as the books sell for \$2.50 each. I mailed the two copies to you the other day and you should have them before you get this letter.

I have been getting a few coins now and then of the Revolutionary period. Boyd has been getting a number of rarities from one or two of the collectors in Mexico City. Garza and Frank have found a few new varieties. I do not know much about what the Liberty head quarter eagles are selling for. I rather imagine dealers are paying about \$3.50 for them. Some day they will be scarce, but if the government melts down all the gold coin they now have the other denominations will be scarcer as more have been saved of the quarter eagles than any other.

I see Mr. Heye now and then and will remember you to him. Mr. Pradeau seems to be a very enthusiastic collector and writer and we are giving him all the encouragement that we can. I trust before many years to see you East again and trust that you are still keeping up your interest in coins.

Very truly yours,

WJG

Curator

862 Guerrero St. S. 14,

Nov. 8th 1936

Mr. Howland Wood

American Mineralogical Society,

New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:

If you want more 2 Cobb
pieces I showed you for 80⁰⁰ think I will let
them go. While I like them all right I don't
specialize in them. While I showed them to
several parties did not try to get any offers for
them. I showed them to Mr. Boyd and asked him
what he thought of them. He said Howland Wood
knew more about them any one he knew
of. I told him Mr. Robertson said they were
worth 50⁰⁰ each. He said the big one was
worth that much, but did not say what he
thought the smaller one was worth. I told
him you asked me for the first chance
on them should I ever sell them and

I had promised you the refusal of them before
I sold them, they are in wonderful cond. for
those old coins and the smaller one I think
is quite a lot finer than the large one and
may be worth as much or more. In the
meantime should some one come along and
offer me 100⁰⁰ for them or even more I will
not sell them till I hear from you provided
you write promptly and you can have them
for 80⁰⁰. The Com. coins are surely booming
and I sold 2 of my Grant 1/2 with stars (to dealers)
for 50⁰⁰ each.

Best regards

Sincerely yours

H. R. Rice

November 11, 1936

Mr. H. L. Hill,
862 Guerrero Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I was very glad to hear from you and I will take those two pieces you offer. I have directed our bank to send you a check for \$80.00, which you should get about the middle of next week.

I have recently heard from Dr. Pradeau and he was saying you had shown him the rubbing of that L.C.V. piece and that you would send the piece on to him to photograph.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

November 24, 1936

Mr. H. L. Hill,
862 Guerero St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hill:

The two coins came the other day and many thanks for offering them to me. I am very glad to get them.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

862 Guerrero St
Nov. 18th 1936



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New York City—

Dear Mr. Wood,

I rec'd your letter
accepting my offer for the 2 coins
and sent them by Express C.O.D.
I also rec'd a check for \$80.00 from your
Bank and signed the paper they sent
and returned to the Bank. I am so very
much for the check and was very glad
to be able to get some rare coins for
you that you were keen to get.

Sincerely yours

H. L. Hill